

REMARKS/ELECTIONS

In the restriction requirement dated October 12, 2006, it is stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: hereditary information which is (a) gender, (b) race; (c) ethnicity; or (d) geographic distribution.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution of (c) ethnicity as described in amended claims 3, 10 and 17.

An action on the merits is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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